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The subject Office Action requests the addition of section headings in the specification. This amendment adds appropriate section headings. The drawings are objected to for the perception of not including a claim feature. It is respectfully submitted that the drawings are inclusive, for the reasons discussed below. The Office Action states that embodiments 2, 3, and 4 appear to disclose a reverse order of deposition. The amendment to the specification at page 11, Embodiment 2, confirms this appearance. However, the statement in the Office Action that layer 5 is deposited on substrate 1 is not accurate; note the description states at page 11, lines 8 and 9; "second electrode 5 ... was provided on a carrier layer..." (emphasis added) in combination with lines 16 and 17 that state: "A substrate 1 of glass was fastened on the entire assembly..." which conveys the opposite condition. In other words, embodiments 2, 3 and 4 construct the filter arrangement of the invention upside down with respect to Figure 1, wherein second electrode 5 is deposited on a carrier layer, not on substrate 1. The carrier layer and protective layer in Figure 1 are initially indicated by numeral 6. Only the carrier layer is removed, leaving the protective layer, so layer 6 should still be shown as representative of ~~embodiments 2, 3 and 4~~ the carrier layer that separates 5, shown in Figure 1 and described at page 3, lines 16 – 20 differs chemically from protective layer 6, shown in Figure 1 and described at page 5, lines 16 – 19. A material indicated as acceptable for protective layer 6 is SiO₂. (see line 19). In the description of Embodiments 2, 3 and 4, the second electrode 5... is deposited on a carrier layer made up of Si with a passivating

layer of SiO₂. Subsequently, the Si carrier layer is removed, leaving the passivating layer of SiO₂, being equal to the SiO₂ protective layer described on page 5 and in Embodiment 1 (page 10, lines 33 and 34).

It is respectfully submitted on the basis of the remarks above that the objection to Figure 1 for not showing the feature that "the carrier layer is removed," as stated in method claim 8, is due to a misconstruction. The description of embodiment 2 relates to Figure 1, but progresses through the method steps from the top to the bottom of the drawing. The amendment above clarifies this deposition order. The second electrode 5 is provided on a carrier layer of Si with a passivating layer of SiO₂ (lines 8 – 9). After additional components are added, "the Si layer of the carrier layer was etched away" (lines 17 – 18). Therefore, the passivating layer of SiO₂ remains. Figure 1 correctly portrays the semiconductor device in the condition of having protective layer 6 in place, being the passivating layer of SiO₂. Protective layer 6 is described as being formed of SiO₂ (see page 5, lines 16 - 19). Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the claim limitation "the carrier layer is removed" is portrayed in Figure 1. Claim 8 is amended hereby to incorporate the formation of the passivating layer on the carrier layer, as described in the specification.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 2, 4, 7 and 9 – 12 as unpatentable under 35 USC §102(b) over Sasaki et al. (US Patent No. 5,519,890). Claims 9 – 12 are also objected to as merely adding specific applications for the invention, but not adding actual limitations. Claims 9 – 12 are cancelled hereby. Claims 3, 5 and 6 are stated to contain allowable subject matter, but are objected to as being dependent from a rejected base

claim.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the specific limitations of claim 3 which was stated to be allowable. Thus claim 1 is believed to be allowable. Claims 2, 4 and 7, being dependent from allowable claim 1 are also allowable. Claim 3 is cancelled. Claims 5 and 6 have been amended to depend from claim 1, and are also believed to be allowable. A sheet with marked up versions of specification page 11 and amended claims 1, 5, 6 and 8 is attached hereto.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all claims pending are allowable. Therefore, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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MARKED UP VERSION SHOWING CHANGES TO THE SPECIFICATION, PAGE 11, LINES 4 - 22:

Embodiment 2:

The configurations described in Embodiments 2, 3 and 4 are understood in relation to Figure 1 wherein the layers are sequenced from the top down, with second electrode 5 provided on carrier layer 6, made up of a base Si layer and a superimposed passivating layer of SiO₂.

To manufacture a filter arrangement with a bandpass filter and a notch filter, first the second electrode 5 comprising a thin Ti adhesion layer and a Pt layer was provided on a carrier layer or Si with a passivating layer of SiO₂. A piezoelectric layer 4 of AlN was provided on this second electrode 5. Then a first electrode 3 comprising Pt was provided on the piezoelectric layer 4. The three layers were structured

such that nine resonator units and one capacitor with a dielectric of AlN and the electrodes 3, 5 as well as an inductance were created. The lower electrode 3 was connected to ground. A 30nm thick, dense SiO₂ layer, thereon a porous SiO₂ layer in the form of an aerogel as a reflection element 2, and on this reflection element 2 a 300 nm thick layer of SiO₂ were deposited on the first electrode 3 in the region where the

by means of acrylate glue. Then the Si layer of the carrier layer was etched away. Contact holes for contacting the first electrode 3 and the second electrode 5 were etched into the remaining SiO₂ layer. Subsequently, bump end contacts of Cr/Cu were grown in the contact holes.

MARKED UP VERSION SHOWING CHANGES TO CLAIM S 1, 5, 6 and 8:

1. (Amended) A filter arrangement which comprises a substrate (1) on which are provided a **thin-film** bandpass filter and a **thin-film** notch filter, which filters are coupled to one another.
5. (Amended) A filter arrangement as claimed in claim [3] **4**, characterized in that the filter arrangement of resonators comprises bulk acoustic wave resonators, surface acoustic wave resonators, or ceramic electromagnetic resonators.
6. (Amended) A filter arrangement as claimed in claim [4] **5**, characterized in that the bulk acoustic wave resonator comprises a resonator unit and a reflection element (2) which is arranged between the substrate (1) and the resonator unit.
- 8 (Amended) A method of manufacturing a filter arrangement, which comprises a substrate (1) and provided thereon a bandpass filter of bulk acoustic wave resonators and a notch filter, by which method
 - a. a second electrode (5), a piezoelectric layer (4), and a first electrode (3) are provided on a **passivating layer formed on a** carrier layer and are structured such that at least one resonator unit, a capacitor, and an inductance are created,
 - b. a reflection element (2) is deposited on those portions of the first electrode (3) which belong to the resonator unit, [and]
 - c. a substrate (1) is fastened on the entire assembly, and the carrier layer is removed.